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Two Illinois Residents Charged with Defrauding Religious Order of over \$800,000

Acting United States Attorney Michelle L. Jacobs announced today that a federal grand jury in the Eastern District of Wisconsin returned a three-count indictment charging two defendants with mail fraud in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1341. The defendants were identified as Angela Martin-Mulu, a/k/a Angela Martin (age 35), and Edward Bosire (age 39) both of Illinois. The defendants are Kenyan citizens who arrived in the United States in 1999, and received political asylum in 2007.

According to the indictment, the defendants targeted religious orders in Wisconsin and elsewhere, claiming, among other things, to be suffering from malaria and tuberculosis, and in need of money to pay medical bills and educational debt. In fact, the defendants maintained two apartments in Chicago and Bolingbrook, Illinois, spent much of the money at casinos, and other things unrelated to medical or educational debt. Before the fraud scheme was discovered, the defendants obtained approximately \$815,000 from an order of nuns in Pewaukee, Wisconsin. It is believed that additional religious groups and churches may also have been victimized.

The defendants were charged based on a year-long investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Anyone with additional information on this matter is requested to contact the Milwaukee Office of the FBI at (414) 276-4684.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Gordon P. Giampietro. If convicted, the defendants face up to 20 years imprisonment, a fine of up to \$250,000, and 3 years of supervised release.

It should be noted that an indictment is merely the formal method of charging an individual and does not constitute inference of his or her guilt. An individual is presumed innocent until such time, if ever, that the government establishes his or her guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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